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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION FOR TURKISH MISSIONS IN US

REF: (A) ANKARA 5433, (B) ANKARA 5053

1. DEPT (EUR/SE DIRECTOR) CALLED IN TURKISH DCM NURES  
JULY 28 TO REVIEW TURKISH CONCERNS RE SECURITY PROTECTION  
FOR TURKISH MISSIONS IN US. REFERRING TO EARLIER DISCUSS-  
IONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH NURES AND MFA'S "ORAL PROTEST"  
OF JULY 10, DEPTOFF GAVE NURES INFORMAL TALKING POINTS  
PAPER (TEXT IN PARA 4) SETTING FORTH DEPT'S RESPONSE.  
DEPTOFF INDICATED TEXT WOULD BE CABLED TO EMBASSY ANKARA  
FOR PARALLEL PRESENTATION TO MFA. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT DEPT  
HAS ENDEAVORED TO DEVELOP COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH  
TURKISH EMBASSY ON SECURITY MATTERS. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL  
PROTECTIVE MEASURES, DEPT IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT TURKISH  
REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL MEASURES DURING PERIODS, SUCH AS LATE  
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APRIL, WHEN THE THREAT TO TURKISH PERSONNEL IS GREATEST.  
DEPTOFF ALSO NOTED IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING GOOD WORKING  
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TURKISH MISSIONS AND LOCAL AUTHOR-  
ITIES OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. DEPT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO BE AS  
HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN THIS REGARD, BUT THERE ARE LIMITS  
TO DEPT'S INFLUENCE WITH LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES.

2. QUICKLY READING PAPER, NURES COMMENTED THAT DEPT AND

ITS SECURITY OFFICERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO TURKISH SECURITY CONCERNS, THOUGH PROBLEMS HAD ARISEN IN THE PAST IN DEALING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES RE PROTECTION FOR TURKISH CONSULATES OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. HE AGREED THAT "RECIPROCITY" DOES NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE DEPT TO ADOPT PRECISELY THE SAME SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN MISSIONS IN TURKEY. SO LONG AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHODS AVAILABLE ARE BEING EMPLOYED, NURES INDICATED, THE REQUIREMENTS OF RECIPROCITY ARE BEING SATISFIED. NURES NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IS BEING ACCORDED "SPECIAL ATTENTION" BY THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE (EPS), A CATEGORY WHICH INCLUDES THE YUGOSLAVS, IRANIANS AND A FEW OTHER EMBASSIES SUBJECT TO A HEIGHTENED SECURITY THREAT. HE REQUESTED THAT ALL MEASURES APPROPRIATE TO SUCH A CATEGORY BE EMPLOYED NOT ONLY FOR THE CHANCERY ITSELF, BUT FOR THE DEFENSE ATTACHE AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR OFFICES AS WELL. IN CLOSING, NURES AND DEPTOFFS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CAREFULLY IN COMING MONTHS AND REVIEW THE PROTECTIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN AS APPROPRIATE.

3. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AND TEXT OF INFORMAL PAPER (PARA 4) IN RESPONDING TO MFA.

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4. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES REGARDS VERY SERIOUSLY ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF TURKISH AND OTHER FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN THIS COUNTRY.

WE SHARE FULLY THE CONCERNS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND MORE RECENTLY BY THE MFA IN ANKARA REGARDING THE SAFETY OF TURKISH DIPLOMATS ABROAD, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS.

IT IS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THE SECURITY MEASURES ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY FEDERAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE U.S. RESPOND FULLY TO THE ASSESSED THREAT TO TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN THE U.S. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND TO EMPLOY THOSE MEASURES WHICH ARE MOST EFFICIENT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE (EPS) PRESENTLY ACCORDS THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON "SPECIAL ATTENTION". A MOBILE PATROL (SQUAD CAR OR CYCLE) INSPECTS THE ENTIRE PERIMETER AT VARYING INTERVALS THREE TO FOUR TIMES PER HOUR. WHENEVER THE THREAT WARRANTS, SUPPLEMEN-

TARY PATROLS AND OTHER SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN INSTITU-  
TED. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE, THESE METHODS ARE SUBSTAN-  
TIALY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN FIXED GUARD POSTS.

DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICERS HAVE ENDEAVORED TO DEVELOP  
A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TURKISH EMBASSY ON SE-  
CURITY MATTERS, INCLUDING CONSULTATIONS ON STEPS WHICH THE  
EMBASSY ITSELF COULD TAKE TO ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF ITS  
PREMISES AND PERSONNEL.

IN COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL AND LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES,  
THE DEPARTMENT VERY CAREFULLY REVIEWS ALL AVAILABLE INFOR-  
MATION ON POTENTIAL THREATS TO TURKISH PERSONNEL. DURING  
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PERIODS OF HEIGHTENED TENSION, SUCH AS THE PERIOD IN LATE  
APRIL, SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN, AS  
APPROPRIATE.

REGARDING THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY, THE DEPARTMENT BE-  
LIEVES THAT THE SECURITY MEASURES BEING TAKEN IN THE U.S.  
FULLY RECIPROCATATE STEPS TAKEN BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES FOR  
THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN MISSIONS IN TURKEY. WE BELIEVE  
THAT THE MEASURES TAKEN ARE APPROPRIATELY BASED ON THE  
NATURE OF THE THREAT AND ARE THE MOST EFFICIENT TECHNIQUES  
AVAILABLE. END TEXT. VANCE

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